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DYNAMIC BEARING AND SPINDLE MOTOR :
FOR A RECORDING DISK DRIVE UNIT AND :
A RECORDING DISK DRIVE UNIT HAVING :
THE SPINDLE MOTOR :
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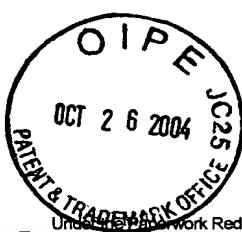
In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the attached references to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. A machine translation of the Japanese language references provided by the Japanese Patent Office are also attached hereto, as well as a completed PTO-1449 form. Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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